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MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, DALLAS (134-1A-645A)

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FROM : SA W. HARLAN BROWN

SUBJECT: DL-6-S

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On 12/11/61 SA W. HARLAN BROWN received, in person, a handwritten report dated 12/11/61 from DL-6-S. This report has been serialized as 134-1A-645.

Informant determined on 12/11/61 that on 11/6/61 a regular CP meeting took place at the home of AUGUSTIN ESTRADA in West Dallas. Present were AUGUSTIN ESTRADA, BILL LOWERY and JOE LANDIN.

Informant determined that ESTRADA had a letter he had received from JOHN STANFORD in San Antonio. The letter informed him that MAUDE RUSSELL, who is well acquainted with Communist China's true progress, was available as a speaker. She could be contacted by writing MAUDE RUSSELL, Palo Alto, California. Miss RUSSELL, the letter said, would soon be in the San Antonio area. She charges a fee of \$25 for a group of 30 and it is customary to find her a place to stay. Miss RUSSELL's knowledge of China, the letter continued, is next to a trip to China.

- 1 - 134-1A-645A
- 1 - 100-7995 (A. ESTRADA)
- 1 - 100-7929 (B. LOWERY)
- 1 - 100-8001 (J. LANDIN)
- 1 - 100-8749 (J. STANFORD)
- 1 - 100-10657 (M. RUSSELL)
- 1 - 100-671-1 (FUNDS)
- 1 - 100-8242 (N. ROSS)
- 1 - 100-8171 (E. ROSS)
- 1 - 100-8160 (J. LAWRENCE)
- 1 - 100-9974 (D. LAWRENCE)
- 1 - 100-9734 (G.I. FORUM)
- 1 - 100-671-5 (ORG)
- 1 - San Antonio (RM) (JOHN WILLIAM STANFORD, JR) (100-7232)

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ESTRADA informed BILL LOWERY and JOE LANDIN that he had spoken to two persons about Miss RUSSELL and had received \$10 as a contribution. The fee, he said, would be easily raised, sponsoring MAUDE RUSSELL would be the thing. They (the CP) could not do it. It would be up to the ROSSES or the LAWRENCES. They discounted the ROSSES because they are separated. AUGUSTIN said he would ask JOE LAWRENCE to sponsor MAUDE RUSSELL. BILL LOWERY said that if the LAWRENCES were able to, he would ask NATALIE ROSS if her house could be used for the meeting even though she could not be present. BILL LOWERY gave ESTRADA instructions on how to get a hold of JOE LAWRENCE (by phone).

ESTRADA and LOWERY had a long discussion on fall out and the outlawing of the CP. ESTRADA said such a ruling would certainly hurt the party - but would not stop it. The party's headquarters have for a time been just a front. Besides this sort of persecution would align other organizations with the party for they could be next. BILL LOWERY agreed, saying the outlawing of the CP gave them more company. ESTRADA, as an example, said that if LOWERY was ever arrested his co-workers in the G.I. Forum, Dad's Club would come to his rescue.

JOE LANDIN told them he did not agree with them, he doubted if any non-communist organization would ever be outlawed and doubted if any arrested CP member would be defended by his friends or co-workers. He asked them to make realistic deductions - just who could they turn to besides the ACLU? BILL LOWERY said their only defense would be the people they had worked with in mass organizations, they would come to their rescue. He rated the interest JOE LAWRENCE had in the outlawing the CP. He assured JOE LANDIN there were others like him. JOE LANDIN said he understood the situation much better now that BILL LOWERY had explained about JOE LAWRENCE.

Informant had no additional information.